(b) whether a probe was ordered in the matter, if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the status of a similar scam on allotment of plots of land meant for slum dwellers to non-existent persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The Anti-Corruption Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 in connection with alleged bogus payment of approximately Rs. 22 lakhs made to private contractors by the officials of Horticulture Department of Civil Lines Zone of Municipal Corporation of Delhi for supply of tree guards and plantations without these having been actually supplied. One of the accused officials has since been arrested.

(c) The Anti-Corruption Branch of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has registered another case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 regarding bogus allotment of plots of land meant for Jhuggi-Jhopri dwellers to non-existent persons. Investigation of the case has so far led to the arrest of eleven persons.

Seizure of spurious medicines in Delhi

2421. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that more than hundred Kg. of spurious medicines were seized recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of persons arrested in this regard; and

(c) how many spurious drugs related cases were registered during the last three years and the number of persons arrested and what is the status of those cases at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) In a raid conducted on 27th May, 2003 by the Special Branch of Delhi Police on the godown of a transporter of Kamla Market, 20 Kilogram of spurious drugs were recovered. Four persons, namely, Shri Pawan Kumar Varshney; Shri Rahul Varshney; Ravinder Varshney; and Shri Harsh Varshney were arrested in this connection. Additional 80 Kilogram of spurious drugs were recovered from Aligarh at the instance of the arrested persons.

(c) 23 cases relating to manufacture and sale of spurious drugs were registered by Delhi Police during the period from the year 2000 upto 25 July, 2003. 58 persons were arrested in connection with these cases. 13 of these cases are at investigation stage and the remaining 10 are pending trail.

Religious Community-wise data of Population

2422. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2927 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the relevant data with regard to religious community-wise population has been procured; and

(b) if so, the religious community-wise details of population of Hindus, Christians and Muslims as per the Census of India 2001, State-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Religious Community-wise data collected during Census of India 2001 is not presently available as the same is under processing.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Re-Activation of witness protection programme

2423. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre had set up a Committee under Justice V.S. Malimath to examine the need to launch witness protection